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FOR LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER ONLY FROM AMBASSADOR CATTO

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR ALI ABDALLAH
ALIREZA

IN A CONVERSATION DECEMBER 23, SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO THE
U.S. ALI ABDALLAH ALIREZA TOLD ME HE HAD HAD AN APPOINTMENT
WITH INCOMING NSC HEAD BREZEEZINSKI. "HE WANTED TO CANCEL IT
AT THE LAST MINUTE BUT I AVOIDED THAT BY REFUSING TO ANSWER
HIS CALLS." WHEN THE MEETING TOOK PLACE, ALIREZA SAID THAT
HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD
FOLLOW AN EVENHANDED POLICY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS.
"HOW CAN WE BE EVENHANDED? OUR COMMITMENT IS TO ISRAEL.",
BREZEEZINSKI WAS QUOTED AS REPLYING. "ALTHOUGH MY APPOINTMENT
WAS FOR ONE HALF HOUR, I LEFT AFTER 20 MINUTES," ALIREZA
CONCLUDED.CATTO

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